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## *Announcing Druglike - A Web3 Drug Discovery Platform*

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New York, NY -- (ReleaseWire[1]) -- 07/25/2022 -- **Druglike**, a **Web3 drug discovery** software **platform** co-founded by Martin Shkreli, today released a demo, website, and whitepaper detailing its efforts to democratize the costs, access, and rewards of computational **drug discovery**.

"We started **Druglike** because in our experience, traditional **drug discovery** software is too difficult and expensive to use," said Martin Shkreli, Co-Founder of **Druglike**. "**Druglike** will remove barriers to early-stage **drug discovery**, increase innovation and allow a broader group of contributors to share the rewards." Shkreli added: "Underserved and underfunded communities, such as those focused on rare diseases or in developing markets, will also benefit from access to these tools."

**Druglike** is building a decentralized compute network which provides resources for anyone looking to start or contribute to early-stage **drug discovery** projects. Unlike competitors, **Druglike** will be web-based and completely free to use. **Druglike** will soon release a web-based suite for target identification, **drug** design, and tools for both constructing and running large-scale virtual screening workflows.

**Druglike's** ability to revolutionize **drug discovery** is enabled by **Web3** technology.

Proof-of-Optimization, a novel blockchain consensus mechanism described in the whitepaper, plans to solve computational chemistry problems at a cost competitive with that of standard on premises and cloud computing. Compute contributors can run both solver and validator nodes powering industrial-scale virtual screening campaigns in exchange for \$MSI, the **platform's** official token.

"For the first time, any computer or phone with access to the web might be responsible and rewarded for discovering the next breakthrough medicine," said Shkreli, **Druglike** Co-Founder. "We will disrupt the economics of the **drug** business by allowing a wide pool of innovators and contributors, rather than only pharmaceutical giants, to profit from **drug discovery**."

"Current in silico software is only accessible to large pharmaceutical companies willing to pay obnoxious licensing fees. Students in every country no matter their university, startup companies to Fortune 500s, and even dedicated hobbyists will all have the same opportunity to design new molecules to change the future of **drug discovery**," said Shkreli, co-founder of **Druglike**.

**Druglike**, a decentralized science (DeSci) **drug discovery Web3 platform** founded in 2022, seeks to democratize and disrupt the current in silico computational chemistry software industry by offering pharmaceutical researchers, students, and activists access to computational resources and a marketplace to securely work together creating new molecules and intellectual property rights. **Druglike** uses Proof-of-Optimization, a novel blockchain consensus mechanism, to secure the integrity of the research shared, and Non-Fungible Token (NFT) technology to secure IP rights in the earliest stages of new molecule creation. For more information about **Druglike** please refer to the white paper here: [druglike.com](https://druglike.com)

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